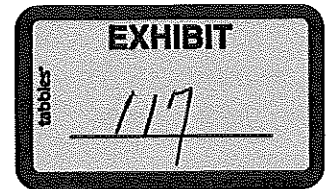


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BUREAU OF WATER, SOIL, AND LAND REUSE
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Dear Mr. Stacey,

As members of the Potatuck Club of Newtown and Sandy Hook, CT, we are submitting this comment relative to the stream flow regulations proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

We are a fishing club and hunting preserve organized in 1888 on 400 acres in Newtown and Sandy Hook with the Pootatuck river running through the property. For over 100 years we have been a careful steward of a section of the Pootatuck river and have balanced our needs and those of our local community with the preservation of our natural resource. These regulations are completely consistent with our management philosophy for our water resources.

We strongly support the streamflow regulations proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), as directed by the General Assembly in 2005. They are a first step in the need for reform of the state's management of water resources. Our water supply infrastructure has been built without adequate attention to the long term viability of our freshwater aquifers and streams, the basic source of our water supply. These flow regulations offer the opportunity to put in place a balanced, reasonable, and long-awaited measure to protect our pristine streams and rivers at the same time as maintaining adequate water supplies for all our needs. They have flexible requirements based on modern science and data collected over the years by the USGS. As fishermen and lovers of the outdoors, we are committed to the protection and restoration of the rivers and streams of Connecticut so they continue to be a resource for the use and enjoyment of the citizens of Connecticut. Healthy streams mean a healthy Connecticut and these regulations will help protect our water resources and the environment for our children and grandchildren. We strongly urge their implementation as a step in establishing a clear set of environmental goals for all the rivers and streams of Connecticut.

The Potatuck Club has had its own direct experience with streamflow issues and has potential access to excellent work done in this area. The Club wishes to reserve its right to add additional related materials before the written deadline.

Sincerely, *THE POTATUCK CLUB*

Peter Clark, Timothy Clark, Thomas Fisher, John Franzen, Michael Kashgarian, M.D., Michael Osborne and Robert E. Longnecker, M.D. as members of The Board of Managers of The Potatuck Club